

The Fairhaven Project

Conflict Resolution

An exclusive program for young men and women from Israel and Palestine ages 17-19



Leadership Development

**Three-weeks – July/August 2010
Located in Fairhaven,
Massachusetts and Washington, DC
USA with sailing aboard the tall ship
S/V Fritha**

Our Mission

The mission of The Fairhaven Project (TFP) is to foster leadership development among young adults living in conflicted areas of the world through maritime education and training programs that integrate traditional sea-going experiences with ocean science, technology and media to augment conflict resolution and team-building exercises.

Who We Are

Welcome to The Fairhaven Project! If you are looking to develop leadership skills by sailing a tall ship and living side-by-side with other young people from the Middle East, then TFP may be just for you!

Now in its third year, TFP is a maritime-based conflict resolution and leadership development program that introduces young men and women ages 17-19 to the world of



sailing and navigation, while fostering teamwork, friendship and inter-cultural understanding.

Our program is ideal for young adults who have been personally touched by violence in their home country and who are eager to challenge themselves in a safe and secure environment.

In 2010 we will bring together 10 young men and women from Israel and Palestine (equal male to female ratio) for 3 weeks of learning and

discovery. The program, hosted by Northeast Maritime Institute, will be based out of our home campus in Fairhaven, MA and include time in Washington, DC. Participants will also sail our brigantine tall ship, S/V Fritha.

TFP uses a one-on-one approach that encourages teamwork, collaboration and personal responsibility – all while learning to sail a tall ship. Young people are our world's strongest ambassadors. To that end, we create opportunities for formal and informal discussions about how we view ourselves, our fellow mates and the conflicts affecting us and the world in which we live.

As a participant, you work side-by-side with people of other religions, cultures or beliefs and with whom conflicts and disagreements, perceived or real, may exist. Together you will learn to raise the sails, stand watch, take the helm, and navigate the S/V Fritha. Daily activities include hands-on instruction in sailing, nautical chart reading, GPS, water safety, oceanography and marine science. You plan and cook your own meals and visit local historic and cultural sites. There is also time for barbecues, swimming, movies and unscheduled recreation.

Progressive, Two-Year Program

TFP is a two-year progressive program – this means that participants attend the program two years in a row. First-time participants are expected to return the following year for a second session and are asked to sign a commitment to that effect.

Each year six new students will be selected to participate in the program.

